

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 19, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Nick Culley (Youth Liaison) answered roll call. Aaron Gurley was not present.

MINUTES: Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley asked Council to consider an additional encumbrance that should have been paid from last year's budget along with Transfer Resolution 2021-1. Berkemeier moved to approve the encumbrance and Resolution 2021-1 as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ECDC REPORT:** John McCane gave the following ECDC report:
 1. Communication update – They use The Daily, The Rushville Recorder, WIFE, ECDC website, Rush County Biz website, Facebook.
 2. They have 2 active projects - Project Boat & Project Husky.
 3. There are 3 Solar Projects looking at locations in Rush County.
 4. The IMPACT building was leased to Kyle Lux.
 5. We are in contact with BR&E via zoom calls and surveys.
 6. We are updating our Strategic Plan and trying to schedule a retreat.
 7. We are getting good use with the Workforce Training Center.
 8. USDA Rural Development Grant – We have drawn down the last of our loan funds from the USDA grant.
 9. Public Relations – We use websites, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and RushCountyBiz.

10. New Housing Efforts – We are working with the City on new housing projects – Joe Peacock, Joyner, Rynard Properties, and Ara.
11. Community Lobbying Efforts – Highway 3 Expansion, Rail Over/Underpass, Wheel Tax, Food and Beverage, and Inkeeper's Tax.
12. Commerce Park - We continue marketing, It would be nice to have a spec building. We have had some interest.
13. Potential Travel for marketing - Due to Covid we have not been able to attend training conferences.
14. Organizational Meetings – We are having difficulties meeting with various organizations due to Covid.
15. We are creating a database with available assets for businesses and Industry.
16. Partnerships – The Redevelopment Commission has partnered with Herdrich on their new downtown project.
17. We have created a Covid-19 Economy Recovery Task Force, which meets regularly.
18. We are working with RCCF on the Community Center project.

- **Stellar Designation** – The Overlook project is moving along. We hope to meet the April deadline.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Contracts have been signed for the main acts.
- **APC/BZA** – Meeting tomorrow.
- **Housing** – The Board of Works signed the contract with Joyner Homes for the purchase of lots.
- **Cherry Street** – Nothing.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Marzon is trying to set up a meeting probably in February.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street- Commissioner Miller said someone stole a manhole cover at West 8th near the railroad.

Code – Director Jenkins reported that we have been awarded a grant from IPEP for \$4,000.00 with a 20 % match.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Councilman Berkemeier said he sent a copy of an email regarding the issue with Joanne Bohm. He said he would keep Council updated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program Update 1900 N Main** – Pavey reported that we only had 1 applicant. The application proposal will be sent to Ara for review. The bidder is anxious to get in and get started. Bridges made a motion to give approval to the bidder to begin prep work contingent upon approval by Ara and the Board of Works. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Protest Guidelines** – The noise control portion has been completed for Council's review. Jenkins and Tucker have sent a rough draft on the special events.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Traffic Study Report** – Pavey provided Council with various documents regarding the culvert at Hunt Road. They will begin conversations with the County on this project.

3. **Ordinance 2021-2 – Animal Shelter Adoption Fee Ordinance – Credit Card Availability**
–Berkemeier said we need to define kittens vs. cats. It was determined that if the animal is under 6 months of age it is considered a kitten or puppy. Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-2 with the addition defining puppies and kittens. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried with Daubenspeck voting “nay”.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor Pavey said vaccinations are the big topic and trying to get teachers moved up in the process. The City is working on a policy, but we are also waiting to see if the state or federal agencies come out with something.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Nothing

CLAIMS – Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.